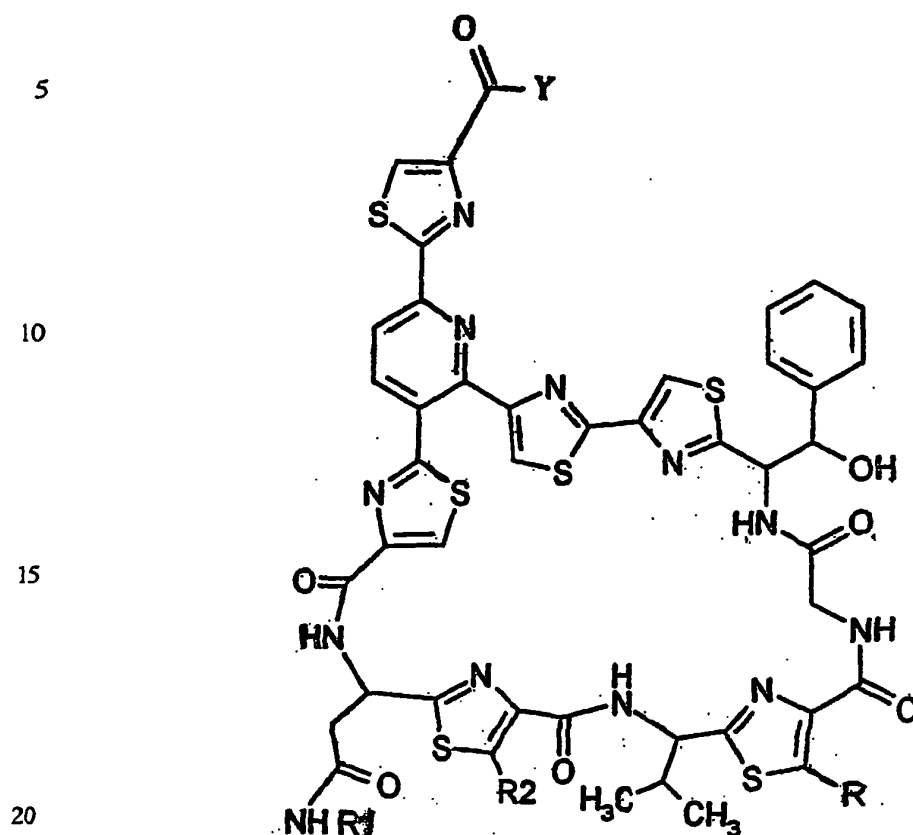


## CLAIMS

1. Use of the compound of formula (I)



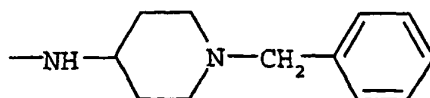
wherein:

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25 R<sub>1</sub> represents methyl,

R<sub>2</sub> represents methyl,

Y represents the group



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30 thereof;

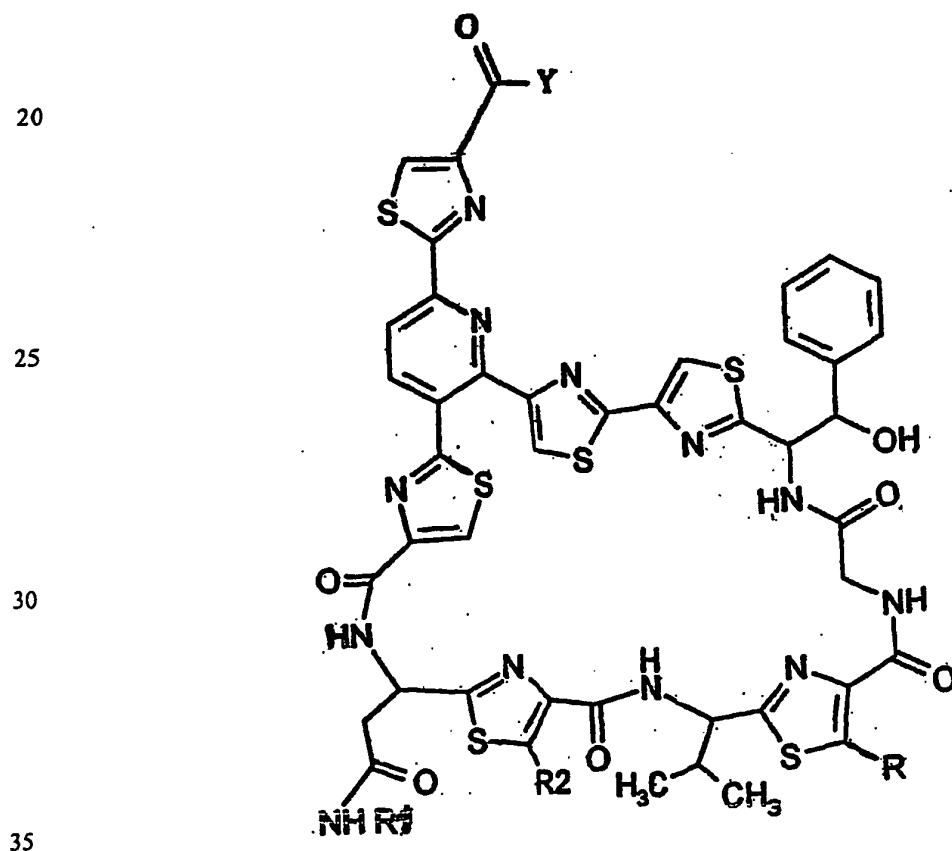
for the manufacture of a medicament for the topical  
treatment or prevention of acne.

2. Use according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is associated with other components which have auxiliary action in the treatment of acne or provide skin benefits.

3. Use according to any of claims 1 and 2 wherein the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is incorporated into a pharmaceutical composition suitable for topical administration in an amount ranging from about 0.1 to 10 per cent by weight of said pharmaceutical composition.

4. Use as in any of claims 1 to 3 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts is a salts with hydrochloric ac or lactic acid.

15        5. A medicament for use in the topical treatment or  
prevention of acne which comprises a compound of formula  
(I)



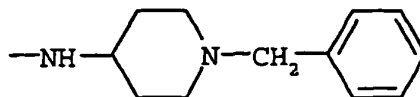
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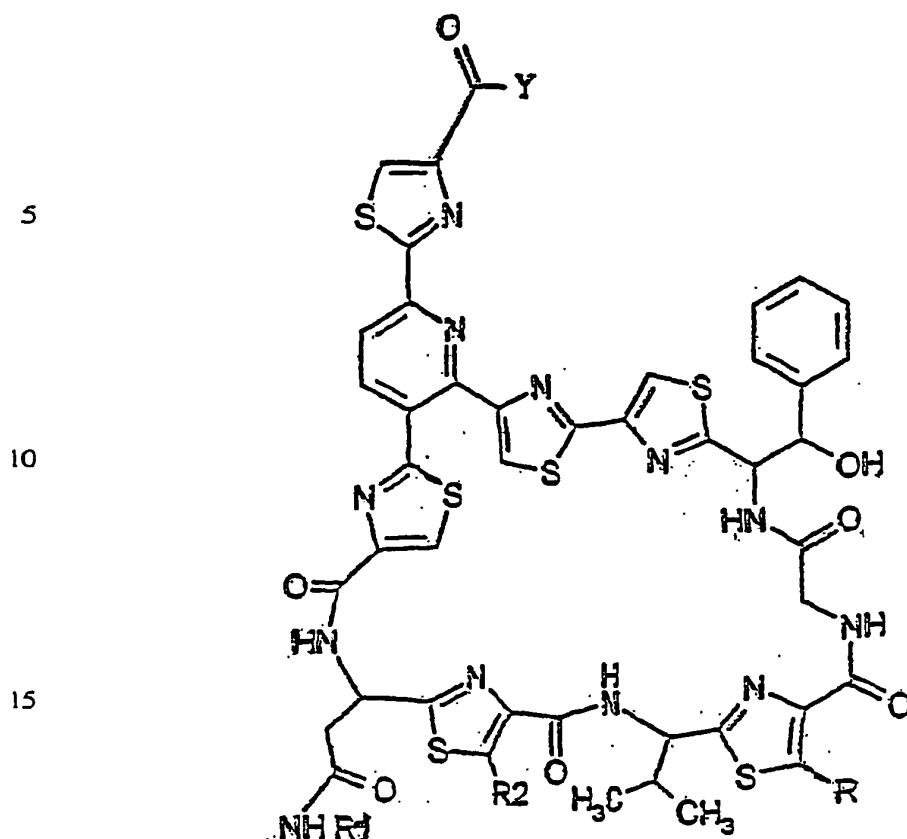
6. A medicament as in claim 5 wherein the compound of  
10 formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is associated with other components which have auxiliary action in the treatment of acne or provide skin benefits.

7. A medicament as in any of claims 5 and 6 wherein the  
15 compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is admixed with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

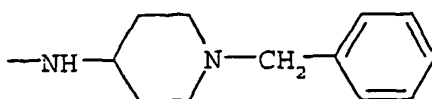
8. A medicament as in any of claims 5 to 7 wherein the  
20 compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is contained in an amount which ranges from 0.1 to 10 per cent by weight of the said medicament.

9. A medicament according to any of claims 5 to 7 which  
25 is in the form of a cream, lotion, mousse, spray, emulsion or gel.

10. A method for treating or preventing acne which comprises topically administering a compound of formula (I)



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25 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to a patient affected by or exposed to said skin disorder, in an amount sufficient to provide inhibitory activity or proliferation of Propionibacterium acne.

30 11. A method according to claim 10 wherein the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is associated with other components

which have auxiliary action in the treatment of acne or provide skin benefits.

12. Use as in any of claims 1 to 4 wherein the inhibitory activity of the compound of formula (I) or the pharmaceutically acid addition salt thereof is selective  
5 towards Propionibacterium acne.

13. A medicament as in any of claims 5 to 9 wherein the inhibitory activity of the compound of formula (I) or the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is  
10 selective towards Propionibacterium acne.

14. A method according to any of claims 10 and 11 wherein the inhibitory activity of the compound of formula (I) or the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is selective towards Propionibacterium acne.

15 15. Use of a compound according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament for the topical treatment or prevention of acne characterized in that said medicament is selective towards Propionibacterium acne.